CLAIMS

We claim:

1   1.   A voice avatar system comprising a voice avatar module operatively

2   arranged for receiving an input voice channel from a user terminal, modifying the input voice

3   via a first voice avatar to create a modified voice and outputting said modified voice to an

4   output voice channel, wherein said output voice channel is selectively connectable to each of a

5   plurality of services providing voice-based user communication, thereby allowing voice

6   communication using said modified voice between the user and any one of said plural services

7   such that all parties listening to said user via said any one of said plural services hear said

8   modified voice, wherein at least one of said input voice channel and said output voice channel

9   comprises a wireless link.

1   2.   The voice avatar system of claim 1, wherein said voice avatar module

2   further comprises a memory having a plurality of voice avatars, wherein a second selected

3   voice avatar used for modifying said input voice channel is selectable from said plural avatars.

1   3.   The voice avatar system of claim 2, wherein said voice avatar module is

2   connectable to a further service for retrieving a further voice avatar to be used for modifying

3   said input voice channel, wherein said further voice avatar is savable in said memory.

1   4.   The voice avatar system of claim 1, wherein said voice avatar module is

2   connectable to a further service for retrieving a second voice avatar to be used for modifying

3   said input voice channel.

1   5.   The voice avatar system of claim 1, further comprising a wireless mobile

2   terminal, wherein said voice avatar module is arranged in said wireless mobile terminal.

1   6.   The voice avatar system of claim 5, wherein said wireless mobile

2   terminal comprises a memory including a plurality of voice avatars and an input device

3   allowing user selection of a second voice avatar from said plural voice avatars for modifying

4   the input voice.

1   7.   The voice avatar system of claim 6, wherein said wireless mobile

2   terminal is connectable to an avatar site via a wireless network for retrieving further voice

3   avatars and saving said further avatars in said memory.

1   8.   The voice avatar system of claim 5, wherein said wireless mobile

2   terminal is connectable to an avatar site for retrieving further voice avatars.

1   9.   The voice avatar system of claim 5, wherein said wireless terminal

2   comprises a mobile phone.

1   10.   The voice avatar system of claim 1, further comprising a server

2   connected to a mobile network, said voice avatar module arranged in said server.

1   11.   The voice avatar system of claim 10, wherein said server comprises a

2   memory including a plurality of voice avatars and wherein a second voice avatar is selectable

3   from said plural voice avatars via the user terminal for modifying said input voice channel.

1   12.   The voice avatar system of claim 11, wherein said server is connectable

2   to an avatar site via a wireless network for retrieving further voice avatars and saving said

3   further avatars in said memory.

1   13.   The voice avatar system of claim 10, wherein said server is connectable

2   to an avatar site via the wireless network for retrieving further voice avatars.

1   14.   The voice avatar system of claim 10, wherein said output voice channel

2   is selectively connectable via the wireless network to each of a plurality of services having

3   voice-based user communication, thereby allowing voice communication using said modified

4   voice between the wireless mobile terminal and any one of the plural services.

1   15.   The voice avatar system of claim 10, wherein said server comprises one

2   of said plural services providing voice-based user communication, wherein said output voice

3   channel is connectable with said one of said plural services.

1   16.   The voice avatar system of claim 1, wherein said output voice channel is

2   selectively connectable to each of a plurality of services on the Internet providing voice-based

3   user communication.

1   17.   The voice avatar system of claim 16, wherein said voice-based

2   communication uses Voice-over-Internet-Protocol (VoIP).

1   18.   A method for implementing a voice avatar for wireless communication

2   comprising the steps of:

3   selecting, via a wireless terminal, a selected voice avatar from a list of voice

4   avatars;

5   selecting a selected service from a plurality of available services which allow

6   voice-base communication via wireless terminals;

7   connecting the wireless terminal to the selected service via a wireless network

8   inputting an input voice from the wireless terminal to the voice avatar module;

9   modifying the input voice using the selected voice avatar to generate a modified

10   voice; and

11   outputting the modified voice to the selected service having voice-based

12   communication.

          19.   The method of claim 18, wherein said step of selecting a selected voice

2   avatar comprises selecting from a memory of the voice avatar module.

1   20.   The method of claim 18, wherein said step of selecting a selected voice

2   avatar comprises selecting from a voice avatar site connected to the wireless network.

1   21.   The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of saving the

2   selected voice avatar to a memory of the voice avatar module.

1   22.   The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of saving the

2   selected voice avatar in a user record for associating a user with the selected voice avatar.

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